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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4321
INFO AMCONSUL UDORN

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SHUM, TH
SUBJECT: ARREST OF THREE THAI IN SURIN

REF: STATE 167354 (NOTAL)

1. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL AMBASSADOR RECEIVED
JULY 17 COMMERCIAL TEL FROM "MASSACHUSETTS COMMITTEE
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS" IN NANTUCKET AS FOLLOWS: QTE WE NOTE
WITH DISMAY THE INCREASING USE OF SUMMARY EXECUTIONS IN
THAILAND AND ASK YOUR ATTENTION THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE
NOT RPT NOT GROSSLY ABUSED BY THE SCHEDULED EXECUTION
OF THE SURIN THREE. END QTE.

2. APPEARS THAT THE "SURIN THREE" ARE IDENTICAL WITH
THE THREE INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED IN REFTEL. EMBASSY HAS
REVIEWED ITS FILES AND DISCUSSED MATTER WITH AMCONSUL
UDORN. WE FIND NO RPT NO RECORD OF ARREST OF "SURIN
THREE" OR OF THE THREE INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED. AMCONSUL
UDORN WILL LOOK INTO MATTER. WE NOTE THAT THERE HAS
BEEN CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF COMMUNIST INSURGENT ACTIVITY
IN SURIN PROVINCE, WHICH BORDERS CAMBODIA, AND IT IS
POSSIBLE THAT ARREST WAS RELATED TO SUCH ACTIVITY.

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3. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVEN PERSONS EXECUTED SUMMARILY UNDER
ARTICLE 21 OF THE CONSTITUTION, NONE RPT NONE OF THEM FOR
POLITICAL OFFENSES, WITH EXCEPTION OF GEN CHALAT HIRANYA-
SIRI, WHO WAS EXECUTED FOR MARCH 26 COUP ATTEMPT.

4. SINCE EMBASSY HAS SO LITTLE INFO AVAILABLE ON THIS CASE
AND AS IT APPEARS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT EXECUTION OF "SURIN

THREE"IS IMMINENT, WE PLAN TO POST PONE ANY APPROACH TO
RTG UNTIL WE KNOW SOMETHING OF THE FACTS ON THE MATTER.
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